

**Amendments to the Claims**

1. (currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide, or sequence variant thereof, wherein said polypeptide is a fragment of the polypeptide sequence represented in SEQ ID NO: 8-~~or~~9, wherein the fragment is a polypeptide fragment consisting of amino acid residues from about residue 128-224 of the amino acid sequence presented in SEQ ID NO: 8 ~~or~~9, or a polypeptide fragment consisting of amino acid residues from about residue 128-224 of the amino acid sequence presented in SEQ ID NO: 8 ~~or~~9 wherein said sequence has been modified by addition, deletion or substitution of at least one amino acid residue, wherein the polypeptide inhibits the apoptotic activity of p53.
2. (Previously Presented) The nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1, wherein said molecule encodes a fragment consisting of amino acid residues from about residue 128-224 of the sequence represented in SEQ ID NO: 8.
3. (Previously Presented) The nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 2, wherein said molecule is isolated from a human.
4. - 7. (Canceled)
8. (Previously Presented) The nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is a cDNA or genomic DNA.
9. – 10. (canceled)
11. (Previously Presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid according to Claim 1.
12. (Previously Presented) The vector according to Claim 11, wherein said vector is an expression vector.

13. (Previously Presented) A cell transformed or transfected with the nucleic acid molecule according to Claim 1.

14. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the nucleic acid according to Claim 1.

15. - 54. (Canceled)